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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Robert KUTKA, et al.

GROUP ART UNIT: 2613

SERIAL NO.: 09/423,454

EXAMINER: Allen C. WONG

FILED: November 8, 1999

CONFIRMATION NO.: 6761

TITLE: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENCODING AND DECODING A  
DIGITIZED IMAGE WITH PICTURE ELEMENTS

**RESPONSE E AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents - Mail Stop Amendment

P.O. Box 1450

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*26	MINUS	**26	X	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	*4	MINUS	4	X	( ) X 43.00 ( ) X 86.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$145.00 ( ) \$290.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00

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- ☐ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for 1 month so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_. A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
- ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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Dear Sir:

This response is directed to the Non-Final Office Action, Paper 17, mailed August 20, 2004. Applicants thank the Examiner for the non-finality of the present Office Action.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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